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IMPROVING TELECOM SERVICE IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action is being taken by the Government to bring improvement in the networks of BSNL or to enlarge the network thereof in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the number of districts of the State likely to be benefited by it; and

(c) the district-wise details of SIM Card Connection released in the State by the BSNL during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & b): Yes, Sir. The action taken by BSNL to improve the telecom network in Jharkhand are detailed below:

(i) Fixed Line Network − At Dumka and Hazaribag New Technology exchanges have been commissioned. At Girirdih, Daltonganj, Deoghar, Ramgarh and Dhanbad New Technology exchanges are planned to be opened by June, 2005. Conversion of CDOT Rural Automatic Exchanges (RAXs) to AN RAX and CDOT SBM to RSU is being carried out progressively to provide very reliable Internet facility and seamless connectivity.

(ii) Cellular Mobile Network − BSNL has launched its Mobile Service in October, 2002 in Jharkhand State and since then BSNL has been augmenting its Mobile network continuously and action is being taken to expand the network by 3.38 Lakh lines in the current year to cover all the District Head Quarters of Jharkhand.

(iii) Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) Network − 103 WLL BTS

(Basic Terminal Station) have been installed for providing umbrella coverage to provide scattered telephone demand in State. Capacities have been augmented in 23 WLL BTS.

Additional WLL equipment of 25000 lines has been planned for deployment during 2005 to cover all districts of Jharkhand.

(iv) Trunk Automatic Exchange (TAX), and Broadband Network − New Technology Trunk Automatic Exchange (TAX) has been installed at Dumka for better STD/ISD connectivity to Santhalpargana and work is in progress for New Technology TAX in Daltanganj.

Expansion of TAX at Jamshedpur (1000 lines), Dhanbad (2000 lines) and Ranchi (3000 lines) has been carried out during 2003-04. Additional expansion at Daltenganj (5000 lines), Hazaribag (3000 lines) and Dumka (2000 lines) are expected by March, 2005. Further more expansion of equipped capacity at Dhanbad (5000 lines), Ranchi (8000 lines), Hazaribag

(3000 lines) and Dumka (2000 lines) are likely to be commissioned by September, 2005.

(v) Broadband services have been planned and equipment is under installation at Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Dhanbad and Bokaro.

(c) The District wise details of SIM Cards released for cellular connections in the State of Jharkhand by BSNL during the last three years are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of the District	SIM cards Released from 2002 to till date
1.	Garhwa	2209
2.	Latehar	1025
3.	Palamu	6624

4.	Deoghar	6928
5.	Dumka	5450
6.	Godda	2893
7	Pakur	2574
8.	Jamtara	1291
9.	Sahibganj	3279
10.	Hazaribagh	13871
11.	Giridih	4911
12.	Chatra	2264
13.	Kodarama	2965
14.	Purbi Singhbhum	30249
15.	Pashchimi Singhbhum	6026
16.	Saraikela	912
17.	Dhanbad	20865
18.	Bokaro	11088
19.	Ranchi	36687
20.	Gumla	1610
21.	Lohardagga	1013
22.	Simdega	1014
TOTAL		165748